

REMARKS

Responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office action, Applicants affirm election of the claims of group I, claims 1-15 and 37-42 for examination. This election is made without traverse. Non-elected claims 16-17, 19-36 and 43-44 have therefore been cancelled without prejudice to applicants' rights to file subsequent divisional applications to the non-elected subject matter. Inventorship is unchanged.

An action on the merits of claims 1-15 and 37-42 is respectfully awaited.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corporation
540 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, New York 10591
(914) 785-7127
KTM22634CAR

Kevin T. Mansfield
Agent for Applicants
Reg. No. 31,635

MAR 15 2006